

Simon's Rumors brings farce to Theatre Tuscaloosa

A wedding anniversary celebration gone awry creates loads of rumors and laughter when Theatre Tuscaloosa opens Neil Simon's *Rumors* in the Bean-Brown Theatre on the campus of Shelton State Community College on Sept. 29.

When several affluent couples arrive at a party in a highly upper-class house in New York, they discover that there are no servants, the hostess has disappeared, and the host has shot himself through the earlobe. Simon's original sense of humor keeps the audience alive with laughter as the host's lawyer tries to plan a cover-up and the friends try frantically to protect their host who is the deputy mayor of New York.

Neil Simon is arguably the world's most successful playwright. He has had dozens of plays and nearly as many motion pictures produced. He has been showered with more Academy and Tony Award nominations than any other writer, and is the only play-

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Undefeated!



Play at Arthur Howington Field this fall has been a marvel to behold for the Shelton State Buccaneers. The home team has won all their game by as many as 14 goals and has dazzled the onlookers with their aggressive and skillful play.

As players
or team,
they're a
scoring
machine

By Melissa Chamblee

In their latest game, it was just one player who



Lyndon Lasseter scored all five of the Buccaneers' goals in their latest victory.

Voting drive focus of Constitution Day

By Melissa Chamblee

If anyone happened to notice a seventeenth century town crier in the atrium on Monday Sept. 18, it's because he was there summoning students to come and register to vote, in

A town crier (via the theatre department) announced the beginning of Constitution Day on Sept. 18 at Shelton State.



honor of Shelton's second annual Constitution Day.

For those not familiar with Constitution Day, it is an American federal holiday held on September 17 that recognizes the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. The law establishing the holiday was created in 2004, and in 2005 the U.S. Department of Education set it in place

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proved a prodigy of goal making. Lyndon Lasseter scored all five of the Shelton State Lady Bucs' goals in a 5-1 victory over Georgia rival Gordon College.

With an undefeated run through ten games, the Lady Buccaneers are undoubtedly off to their best start ever.

Since Arthur Howington, former Dean of Academic Services, first started the team in 1997,

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Courier staff member recalls wrath of Katrina

By Henri Chamerie

I oftentimes wonder how I ended up here. It seems like only yesterday I was leaving New Orleans with all I could carry, fearful that the end was near, but hopeful that it was all a bunch of reactionary bull. As I drove through Metairie on my way to my father's house, John Lennon was singing "Nobody told me there'd be days like these...Strange days indeed."

Hurricane Katrina destroyed homes, killed thousands, ruined lives, and robbed people of their dignity. Thousands, upon thousands of proud people from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast now had to beg for food, money, places to stay, and help. And no matter how much help was given, more was always needed. No one could give enough.

People had to stay in homeless shelters, eat MREs, and they could do nothing about their situa-

enough to get a dorm room, but that didn't make me feel any better. I was like a dog at the pound. Sure, I had food and a roof over my head, but at any time, I was sure that could be taken away from me.

But, there was light at the end of this tunnel of sad existence: Someone I loved very much lived here in Tuscaloosa and told me that I should move here. She said that there would be help here for me, and while it was not home, it was better than staying in the negative hole I was stuck in. But it was like home: People I loved lived here. So I packed up all of my stuff and drove again and wound up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and, thanks to the generosity of Shelton State, I ended up going to school here.

But my story is one of the few happy ones. For everything good that happened to me, more people had it bad. Homes were destroyed, lives thrown into upheaval. I may have been



Shelton State Courier staff writer Henri Chamerie left his beloved New Orleans days before Hurricane Katrina. The town's devastation haunts him to this day.

tion. I was lucky enough to have family outside of the city who would take me in. For months I didn't know what the status of my home or my city was. I had lost contact with so many friends, seen the destruction on the news, and felt abandoned, lost, and scared. I eventually applied for school and was lucky

okay, but I was still upset by the fact that others weren't. I could help only so much, and others who could help, it seemed to me, weren't. And now, a year later, one year too long, New Orleans and the Gulf Coast have become empty shells of what they were.

Strange Days indeed.



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"RUMORS"
A Farce

by Neil Simon

Sept. 29 - Oct. 8, 2006

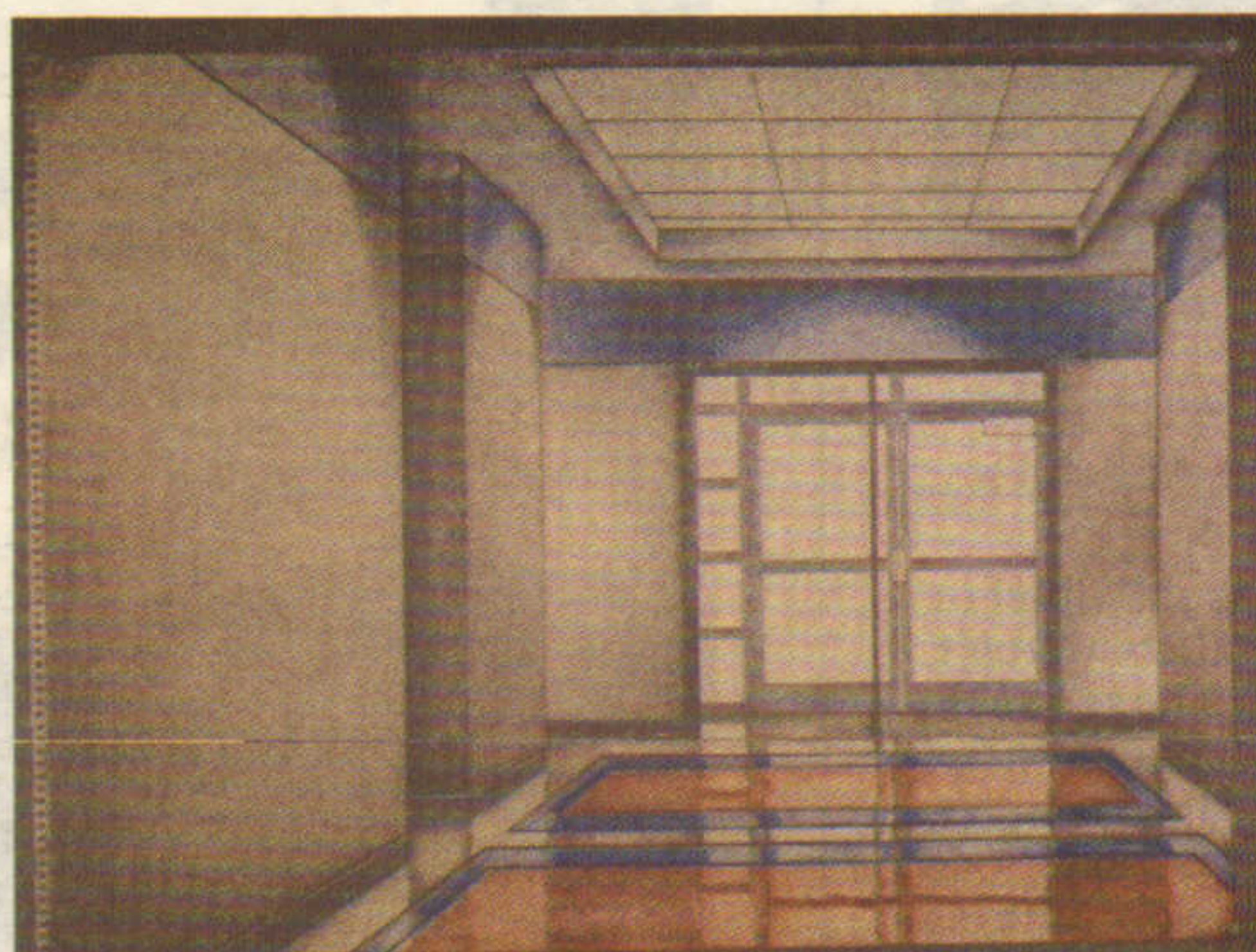
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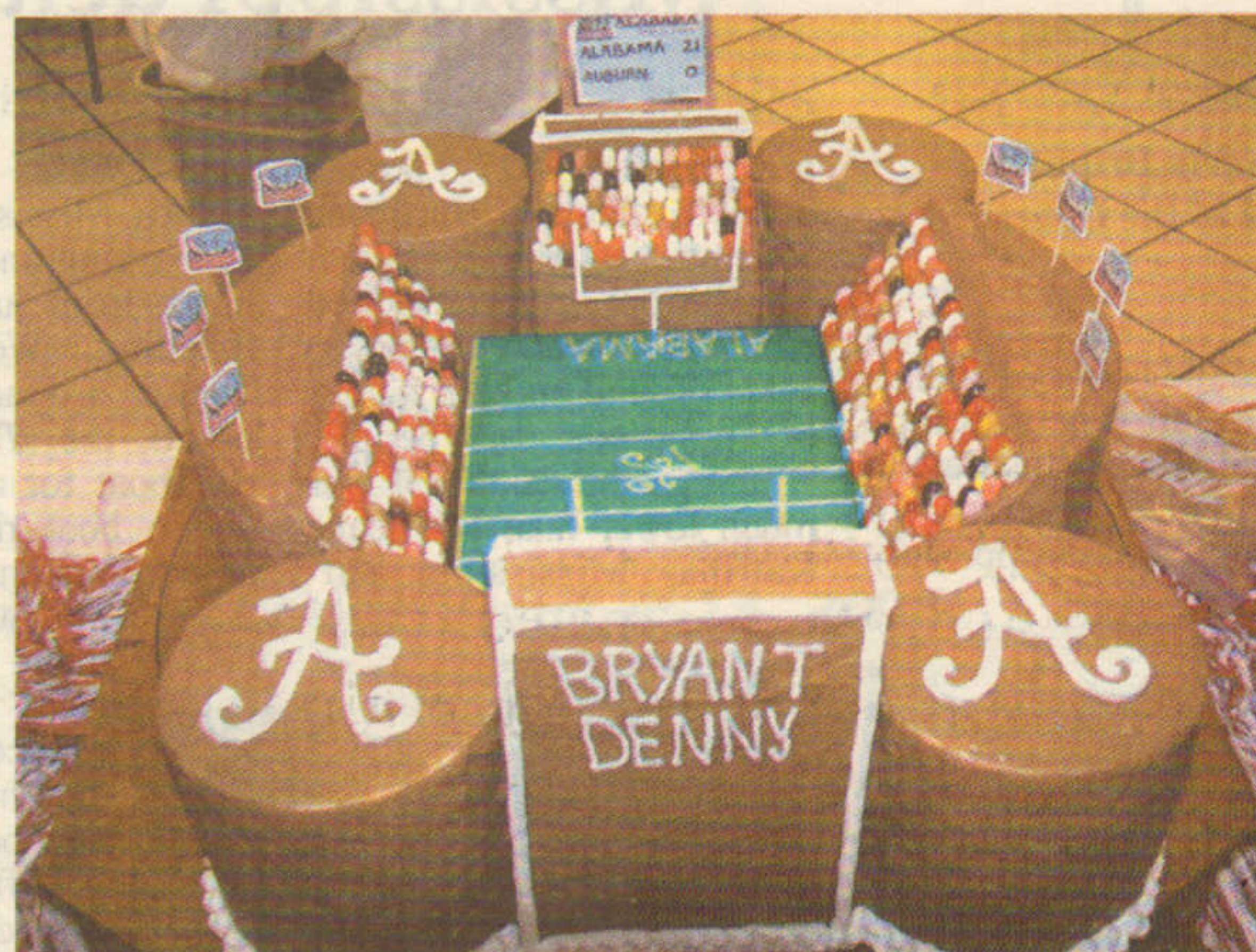


Also, it's not too late to be a part of the editorial staff of the *Courier*. Call 391-2406 or stop by Room 2319 for details.

Shel-Shots



Capt. Buc wasn't afraid to "get in your face" at Get-On-Board Days.



Mary Cesar of Mary's Cakes and Pastries participated in a Taste of the Town fundraiser at the college on Aug. 15. Cesar, also a culinary instructor at Shelton, showed off her gridiron confection skills.



They also play sports at that school down University Blvd. When UA inaugurated the Walk of Champions at Bryant-Denny Stadium thousands turned out to participate.



Shelton State may not have a football team but at least for one game it had a football-like scoreboard when the Lady Buccaneer soccer team scored a two-touchdown victory over the visiting East Mississippi Community College.



It's 7 p.m. on a Sunday evening at Shelton State and the Courier is looking for a pretty picture for Shel-Shots...



Get-On-Board Days, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, is always a popular and colorful event at the start of the school year.



News from Phi Theta Kappa: PTK visits the Mississippi delta

By Beverly Brumett
Special to the *Courier*

I had the honor of attending the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Honors Institute at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi July

great flood of 1927. Like the horrible effects of Hurricane Katrina, the great Mississippi river flooded many towns and destroyed acres of land and the homes of hundreds of people. Although the death toll was much lower than Hurricane Katrina, Mississippi suf-

fered a great loss in many ways because of this powerful force of Mother Nature. After learning how not to take nature for granted, we broke into small groups to talk about ideas for the next year. Friday was a day reserved for fun. That morning, after breakfast, we loaded buses and drove to Tunica, Mississippi for a day of learning and to give us a break from just sitting and listening. We arrived in Tunica around 11 a.m. to board the *Tunica Queen* riverboat for a lunch buffet and a boat ride. We were able to ride on the very river that wreaked havoc many years ago. It gave everyone a chance to be closer together and to meet new people.

Afterwards, we toured the River Museum. We saw a variety of things such as a 100 pound turtle, large catfish and bass, and the history of the Mississippi. There were old guns, a model of how the Mississippi river looked several years ago, and old instruments used in the creation of the Blues. From there we went to the Tunica Museum. We got the enjoy-

ment of listening to a variety of music the state of Mississippi has to offer. Although Mississippi pretty much is the heart of the Blues, there are many other sounds of music it has to offer. After enjoying a wonderful rendition of music, we began to walk through the museum. We got to see

how the Mississippi people lived in the old days. There was an old TV, an old telephone, an old barber shop chair and even an old weighing machine which a few people tried to use. There were also a few old gambling machines, but unfortunately they no longer worked (believe me, I tried). Also, a section was dedicated to military heroes that came from Mississippi. After leaving the Tunica Museum, we drove about an hour away to The Crossroad, the birthplace of the blues. We got to go to Ground Zero and order something to eat if we desired. Many people chose to hang out there during the duration of our visit mainly because of its relaxed atmosphere and music. A few of us (mostly women) chose to go to the many shops around the area. There were many blues shops that some people went to and bought souvenirs. The shops were small and friendly with many things that were different from anything around here. Once again, we loaded the buses and left to go to the Hobson's Plantation to have a barbeque dinner and to enjoy some wonderful music. The barbeque was cooked on "The Tractor." The food was delicious and the live music was even better. The best thing about the place besides the food and music was the sleeping quarters formerly called the Shack Up Inn. And they were shacks, small buildings that looked exactly like a shack would look with rusted roofs, old porches with torn up furniture on the outside and a few screened-in porches with hardly any screen. We were unable to go in because all of them were occupied. There was also the Cotton Gin Inn, a

hotel that looked like a cotton gin which was also completely occupied.

After our Friday fun day, Saturday morning was all about more seminars. Our first lecture was on the Emmett Till murder case. A young black man who was visiting Mississippi was brutally murdered for talking to a white female at a store. Emmett Till was only 14-years-old when he was killed. Two white men were the ones who killed him and the case has just recently been reopened because of speculation of more than two men committing the horrible act. It all reverts back to power. The power of the Mississippi River and the power of one race over another. Saturday morning ended with a man who helped compose our wonderful topic for this year. We had the honor of speaking with him and debating with each other on various topics. Anyone was allowed to speak and some of the discussions got pretty heavy. We discussed things such as gas prices, the power of Wal-Mart, and the power of religion. Many people were very passionate on their views of how the gas prices affect us and that there is almost nothing we can do about.

Overall, the experience was great and left me with many new ideas and was fuel to fire my passion for advancing our Phi Theta Kappa chapter and impacting the world around us.

Those from Shelton State attending the the Mississippi/Louisiana and Alabama Phi Theta Kappa Regional Honors Institute were officers Laura Meherg and Beverly Brumett and Faculty Advisor Julia Speights.



Beverly Brumett, Laura Meherg and faculty advisor Julia Spights were treated to a lunch buffet and a boat ride on the Tunica Queen along the Mississippi River during their PTK visit to the delta.

27 - 29. Delta State is the home of the Fighting Okra. It is a small, but comely university with only about 4,300 students.

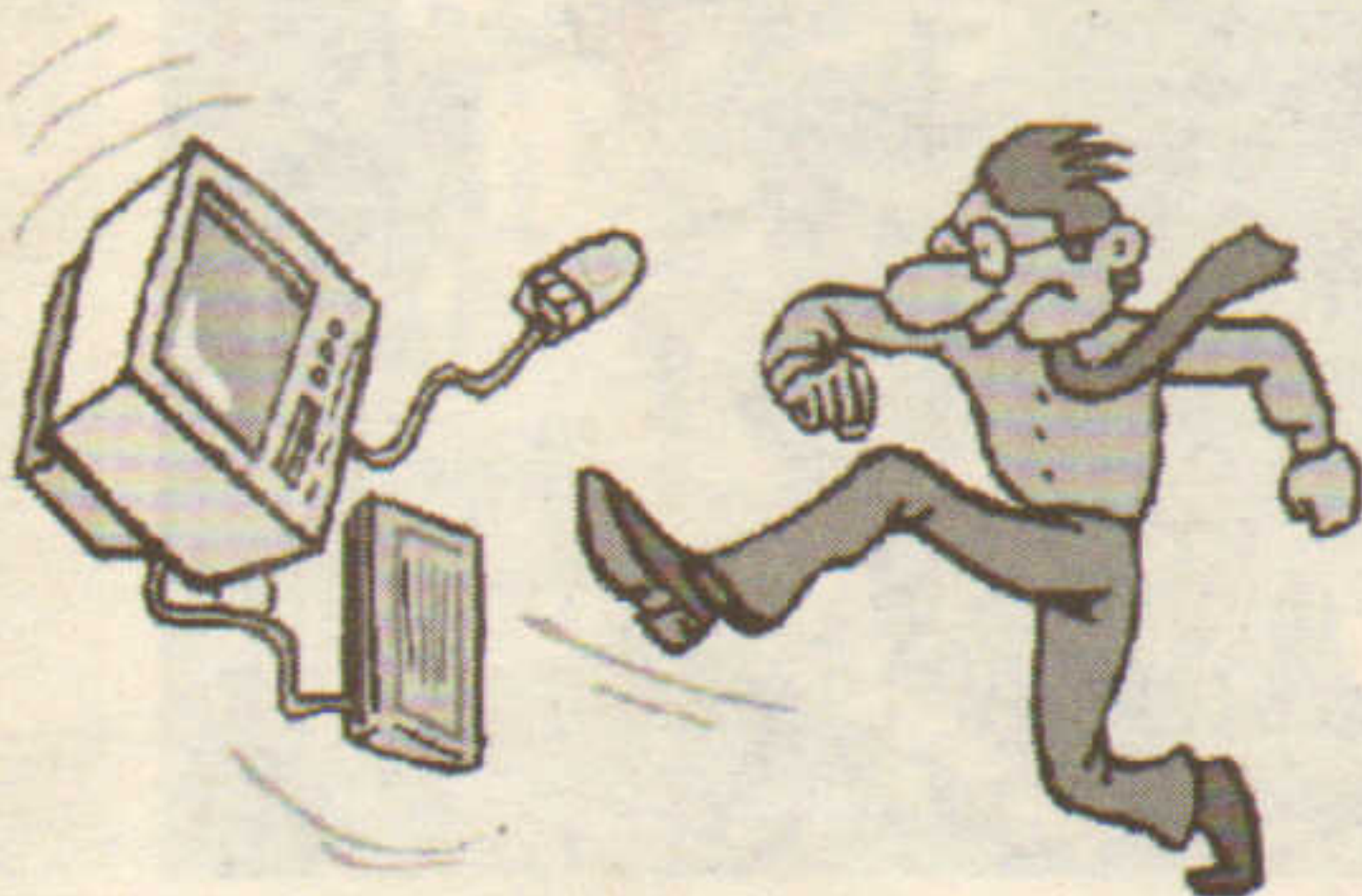
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Soccer from Page 1

the soccer squad seems to have progressed steadily, making Shelton State a sought-after school for upcoming freshman soccer players from all over the state.

Since Shelton State is the only community college in the state of Alabama with a women's soccer team, they are playing their usual out-of-state opponents again this year, including teams from Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Louisiana.

Interested fans can view the remaining 2006 schedule and other information about the soccer team by logging on to www.sheltonstate.edu. Some 100 fans or so attend the matches at Howington Field and it seems from their responses the admission-free home games do not disappoint.

Last year the women were not too shabby either, holding their own against some of the top teams in the

nation. Returning sophomore Holly Hanson recalls her favorite memory of last season: "We played the number one team in the nation at regionals and lost in overtime."

Only the day before, the women won their match against Hiwassee College with an 11-0 victory, making a total of 25 goals scored in a two-game period by Shelton State. The stats

Christians's pep-talks, it's clear to see her excellent direction has played a large part in the team's success as well.

"We just take it game by game," Christian told the *Courier* recently.

"The team works hard and shows up every time. We've done well the first half of the season, and we're looking to do well the second half," she said.

"As far as the out-of-state games are concerned, the travel aspect can affect the level of play, but we always try to keep our playing constant."

Led by Lasseter, the Shelton State soccer team claimed a 5-1 victory over Gordon College of Georgia

on Sept. 23.

Lasseter is a sophomore striker out of Northridge High School.

Shelton State's goalkeep-



Coach Nellie Christian remained low-key yet pointed as she gave her team a post-victory pep talk.

In a recent match against East Mississippi Community College the Lady Bucs dominated with a (14-0) victory, marking the highest number of goals ever to be scored in a single Shelton State soccer match.

speak for themselves.

Head Coach Nellie Christian feels the recent wins are a result of the women's hard work and dedication during the games and even at practices. Having heard one of Nellie



Spirited practice sessions have paid off for the Bucs soccer squad.

er, Melissa Andress, recorded four saves. Shelton State plays at Meridian, Miss. Comm. College on Friday, Sept. 29. The team's last home game before the playoffs will be Sunday, Oct. 22.

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Some of Shelton's best and brightest make their mark as new Ambassadors



2006 Shelton State Ambassadors: (front) Lindsay Tant, Kate Ikner, Laura Meherg, Kayla Bailey, Jeana Roberts, Laci Crimm; (second row) Rachel Odom, Cara Bush, B.J. Roney, Megan Pike, Jami Gregg, Hannah Terry, Hannah Lanier, Hanna Howell, Laurie Beth Price, Tiffany Blackwell; (third row) Emily Guy, Jonathan Hayes, Thomas Wheat, Jared Roggli, Drew Shamblin, Katie Cowart, Katie Holland, Tiffany Pruitt, Haeden Burleson, Caitlin Tubbs, Raeon Howard; (fourth row) Russell Carlisle, Lee Richardson, Michael Johnson, Levi Amerson, Bethany Collins, Jase Buttram, Tyler Garner, Ware Cox.

Chances are, anyone who has ever attended an event at Shelton State has been greeted by a smiling member of the Shelton State Ambassadors, who serve as the official hosts and hostesses of the college.

Selection to this organization is a prestigious honor at the college. Chosen by a panel of judges composed of Shelton State faculty and staff, Ambassadors give tours, assist at special events, greet community and civic leaders, and represent the college in a positive way.

The Ambassador program encourages the development of leadership skills in the college and the com-

munity. In appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the college, they receive a \$500 scholarship each semester.

On Aug. 14, the Ambassadors held their annual orientation at the Shelton State Foundation House. The major goal of the meeting was to get acquainted with each other. Dr. Randy Jarrell, a psychology instructor and expert on team building, led the group in a variety of exercises and activities designed to create group bonding and, in the process, teach the members a little bit about themselves.

The Ambassadors held their first monthly meeting at the Shelton State

Foundation House on Sept. 5. At the meeting, the second-year Ambassadors discussed their ideas about service projects that would benefit the college and community. The group also celebrated the birthdays of members born in August and September. The last order of business was the annual trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee in late October. The college provides these students with the trip to Gatlinburg where they spend a weekend engaged in leadership activities.

The Ambassadors are excited about the upcoming year and the exciting variety of events it holds for them.



Big "Q"